

GREAT SOUTHERN & WESTERN RAILWAY

Member Miss Norah Wright reports the discovery of a Sloper manufactured perforating machine used by this Company. It originally came from the old Broadstone Station in Dublin and is now in the possession of a keen Irish postal history collector.

Judging by the sample perforations in our possession it seems that the machine is in perfect working order and has all pins intact. The machine perforates two stamps at a time and produces perfins similar to Cat. No. 487.1 (Die 2 in the Railways Catalogue) GS/WR 10,10/15,11 4½mm but is different in the vertical spacing between letters, the overall height being nearly 13mm(½") as opposed to the 10½mm of Cat No. 487.1.

There are other minor differences, as indeed there are between the two dies on the 'new' machine. Since these dies have not yet been reported on stamps one wonders whether the machine was ever put into operation.